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"(c) The answer is in the negative.

"(d) In view of the answer to clause (c) the question does not arise."

* 301 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by the Government to give relief to the repatriates from Ceylon under the Indo-Ceylon agreement?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Government have no proposals on hand as there is no need for them at present. They are, however, watching the situation closely and the question of giving relief to Indians returning from Ceylon as a result of the Ceylon Government's Scheme to send away temporary residence permit holders will be considered when the need arises."

* 302 Q.—SRI C. KANDASAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the preliminary and primary reliefs the Government propose to give to the persons repatriated from Ceylon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Government have no proposals on hand as there is no need for them at present. They are however watching the situation closely and the question of giving relief to the persons repatriated from Ceylon will be considered when the need arises."

* 303 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the State Government have received any information from the Union Government with regard to the stateless labourers who may be sent away from Ceylon to Madras; and

(b) the measures that are proposed to be taken by the State Government for their rehabilitation?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The answer to the question is in the negative. There is no question of any stateless persons being sent away from Ceylon to Madras.

"(b) In view of the answer to clause (a), this question does not arise."

* 304 Q.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the State Government were consulted by the Government of India prior to their recent negotiations with the Government of Ceylon regarding the Nationals of Indian origin in Ceylon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Government of India have been keeping the State Government regularly informed of developments regarding people of Indian origin